

Frigerides left the theater of war, to await news orders from GRATIAN. Valens sent SATURNINUS the vice cavalry commander of the Eastern army to support TRAIANUS and PROFUTURUS.

Frutiger persuaded Alathius and Saphax to join him.

Saturninus was soon compelled to abandon blocking the mountain passes. All of Thrace was now at the mercy of the Barbarians who began a war of revenge against everything

Roman.

By order of Diocletian, Frigidus (promoted to Commander-in-Chief of the Illyrians) once moved again with Thracians. Thus the Goths had to dislodge Frigidus from central Thraciae before the beginning of the winter of 377 if they wanted to survive that season safely. To avoid encirclement Frigidus withdrew to the West, coming upon Farnobius & other Thelungi. Farnobius died & the survivors were settled in upper Italy & Aquitania.

The first to appear on the Thracian battlefield  
 were the Roman infantry commander TRAIANUS  
 and the cavalry commander PROFUTURUS  
 at the head of some of the Roman troops called  
 up in ARMENIA. Valens asked emperor  
 GRATIAN for troops. In response came FRIGERIUS  
 the proven commander of Pannonia Valens  
 spent units had forced the Goths into  
 DOD BRUDJA. The Romans were reinforced  
 by some Gallic units, but the total #

was inferior to the Goths and the Roman leaders could not agree on how to fight the enemy.

The Tervingi encircled the wagons. FRIGERIDUS had an attack of gout & left supreme command to RICHOMERES.

FRITIGERUS remained in his impregnable circle of wagons. The battle (late summer of 377) was not decisive. Both sides suffered serious losses. The Romans withdrew to MARCIANOPOLIS

The Hunnic King BALAMBER put an end to Ostrogothic independence. He secured "stord" with a large part of the Goths under the dominion of the Huns and marched with the Huns against VINITHARIUS, "after having renewed the [Hunnic-Ostrogothic] alliance."

A long conflict ensued. In 2 battles VINITHARIUS was the victor but in the

which took place on the river ERAC, VINITHARIUS  
was killed when he was struck in the head  
by an arrow.

The Hunnic King BALAMBER married  
VA(L) DANENCA, the dead king's niece  
and thus gained dominion over the Goths.

The first Ostrogothic king under BALAMBER  
was Ermanaric son HUNIMUND, after him  
his son THORISMUND. Then they had  
40 years without a king.

After the death of ERMANARIC and the separation from the Visigoths, the Ostrogoths remained in their homeland, that is, in their old Scythian settlements, "under Hunnic rule."

The pent-up hatred and fears about survival after the treatment of the Roman LUPICINUS burst forth with great violence. The Goths swept across the land, burning and plundering. Early in 377 LUPICINUS raised all available Roman troops to put down the revolt.

Nine miles from his HQ he suffered a serious defeat. LUPICINUS was killed & the Thracian regional forces had been



diminished,

Fritigern was now joined by Thracian men,  
Roman underclass, and Gothic-barbarian  
slaves. At the same time a Roman unit composed  
entirely of Tervingi changed sides - under  
the command of COLIAS and SVERIDUS. They  
joined Fritigern. ULFILAS' people remained  
loyal to the Romans."

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Those Tarfali who escaped annihilation in 377 were partly settled in Italy - namely in the region around Modena, Reggio and Parma in Emilia, where still in the time of the Lombards there was a town called TAVOLA - and partly sent to Gaul.

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Valens uttle Vungoths  
in MOESIA.